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MINING ITEMS

Already numerous prospectors and others are beginning to return to this district to prepare for work early next season.

Work on the Dressmaker mineral claim last season showed up some very nice copper ore. The owners intend doing considerable work this year on the property, which is located up Toby creek.

The Bear group, situated on Bugaboo creek, is one of the most promising copper properties in East Kootenay. The surface showing is simply extraordinary. It is owned by Messrs. McKennan, Taynton and others.

On the White Cat group, on Boulder creek, development work during the past season has proven that it is an immense gray copper and galena property. The ore on an average is high grade. There is a showing of five feet of clean galena ore on the surface.

The Bullion group consists of two claims, viz: Bullion and Diamond R. The ledge averages 20 feet in width, carrying on both walls about three feet of clean ore. The ore is galena and gray copper carrying gold. This property will be developed on an extensive scale.

The Marion mineral claim is situated on the North Fork of Toby creek and has one of the prettiest copper showings in the camp. Very little work would show this property to be a very valuable one. The lead has been traced for over 300 feet. On the northwest end an open cut has been made which shows 18 inches of clean ore and about 200 feet below this is another open cut showing 11 inches of clean ore. On the dump there is between one and two tons of ore, which would pay a handsome profit.

The Leora group was staked Aug 15th, 1900, by John Hurst, John Bonander and W. W. Robinson. The ledge is about 50 feet wide and bears on one wall a solid body of chalcopyrite about three feet wide, which has been uncovered in places for 800 feet. The ledge, bearing more or less copper throughout, can be traced for a mile. Returns from assays give 32 per cent copper and 40 ounces silver. Considerable work will be done on it this year and the oweners state they will guarantee big shipments of ore if any railway will build into the country and are most anxious that Toby creek wagon road should be extended to Jumbo creek.

The Alps group is situated on Boulder creek and is made up of three claims, the Pet, Alps No 1 and No 2.

There are two distinct leads on the group. On No.1 lead a shaft has been sunk 11 feet, at which depth the leads show 10 feet wide of concentrating ore, and has been traced by open cuts for 900 feet. On lead No. 2 a 10-foot tunnel has been run exposing to view a ledge four feet wide of solid shipping ore, which has also been traced by open cuts for 75 feet, from which assays give 60 ounces silver and 60 per cent lead. The formation is lime and the group is owned by Bank Bros. and Craik. Considerable ore is on the dump, of which may be mentioned one piece taken from the tunnel weighing about 500 pounds.

The following is from the Canadian Mining Review, published in Ottawa, and goes to show the attention this district is attracting in the east, as the Review is a journal which is acknowledged to be of considerable importance. The little error of 80 miles in distance must be forgiven, Golden being on the river has mislead the editor, but 12 miles to Columbia river is what is meant:

"Paradise.—This is the latest addition to that growing family—Canada's producing mines. This group in the Windermere Division, B. C., is a young mine, having been located in August, 1899, but already there is on the dump 1000 tons of carbonate ore averaging $45 per ton in silver and lead. The vein is a contact between blue lime-stone and slate and in the lower workings averages 40 feet in width. Development consists of about 400 feet of work which will be greatly augmented this season. Depth on the vein is now 100 feet but when the new tunnel and upraise are completed it will be 275 feet. The ore is brought out over a 4½ mile trail built by the owners of the group and a 12 mile Government wagon road to Golden; the cost is $7.85 per ton. There is said to be $100,000 worth of ore in sight."

County Court at Golden has been postponed until May 30th.

Government assistance should be given the prospectors who have locations up Copper creek in rebuilding their trail and constructing a bridge across Toby creek at this point. There are 20 or more prospectors who have already completed four assessments. They have cut a trail some six miles through rough country, but now this trail is filled up with slides and windfalls so that a great deal of work is necessary before they can get in to do any work this season. They also constructed a temporary bridge across Toby which was swept away last season by the freshets. The Richmond Mining Company of New York have taken an option on a group up Copper creek and will send an engineer in early this spring to examine the property. It would be a pity should this engineer after coming here find it impossible to get to the property, and we think considering the work the prospectors have already accomplished some aid should be given them.

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Local Outcrops.

Subscribe for The Outcrop.

A petition has been in circulation to have a post office at Canterbury.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was called at Windermere last night.

Pet. Critchley, who has been spending the winter in New York, is expected to return shortly.

The annual meeting of the Elk Park Ranch & Stock Improving Co., Ltd., will be held in Golden on Saturday, March 30th.

H. E. Forster came up from Fiilands on Tuesday to Canterbury to enjoy a few days sail with his ice boat on Windermere lake.

Messrs. Hubel H. Sproule and P. McNamara have gone to Golden to enlist with Baden Powell's Police for service in South Africa.

Jos. Jones, who is well known in this district, returned from West Kootenay on Monday, where he has been employed all winter in mining.

Chas. A. Warren, general merchant, Golden, is selling his winter goods cheap for cash to clear before the spring opens. See his ad. next issue.

The roof is now on the new Canterbury store building. It will be completed as soon as possible now so that it can be opened at an early date.

Gold Commissioner J. E. Griffiths, Chief of Police Bullock-Webster and Mr. Chas. A. Warren drove up from Golden last week and returned again Saturday.

T. H. Taylor, P.L.S., returned on Monday's stage after a sojourney of about three months in California. His many friends are pleased to welcome him home.

Tom Jones, the well known prospector and one of the original owners of the Paradise, has returned to Golden from an extended trip to the east. He will return home shortly.

E. V. Chambers, of Kamloops, is now editor and proprietor of the Golden Era, having purchased it from Mr. Thos. O'Brien. Already the paper is much improved. We wish Mr. Chambers every success.

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A petition is in circulation in this district for signatures with the object of obtaining a railway charter, etc., for a road from Fort Steele through this valley to Golden. The road to be known as the Kootenay Central Railway.

B. H. Washburn came down from the Silver Crown, Spring creek, last week owing to the serious illness of his little daughter. The little one has now fully recovered and Mr. Washburn has gone back to the mine. He states that the work now being done on the Crown is very encouraging and he believes the ledge is the same lead as the Paradise.

At Cripple Creek, Colorado, the miner may go up to his work from the town on an electric car, go down in the mine by an electric hoist, operated by electric signals, the shaft being kept dry by an electric pump, do his work by an electric light, talk to the town and thence to the world by an electric telephone, run a drill electrically operated, and fire his shots by an electric blast.

LIFE AND CARDS.

Life and cards resemble each other. Many of us are dinked to death by playing hart solos we cannot win. Sometimes we only have a deuce in the hole where we thought an ace reposed. A hand of diamonds with a king at the head is often mingled in the debris through a collision with clubs topped by a bullet. Many of us want the sweet music of a solo best when the cloak of a fog would suit our stack much better. Twenty-one is the age at which all expect to win, although many are "busted" at sixteen. There is many a slip between the "split" and the check rack.

It is not always warm when the ball rolls on the green. It is zero if you are not on it. If you are it is zero for the other fellow. Many of us have to beg when clubs turn up. The falling of a queen is often hailed with delight, although three of them will turn pale when confronted by four plebian deuces. The pot is not always for the swift. The man who waits generally gets everything, even cold feet. He who bets on a single card often sleeps where ozone is more plentiful than carbon, while he who spreads his bets frequently swallows the bank and becomes a plutocrat. He who has never toyed with the cards saves himself endless misery, but lacks an experience that pares the top off of human nature, and lays bare the quivering passions that shake the human soul in its desire for gold, without labor. By standing pat the world does not know, if there is no show-down, whether you hold the bobtail straight of poverty or the royal flush of wealth. Many a battle is won by courage, and many a poor hand is hoisted into fame through nerve. The deuce gotten honestly is more pure than the ace raised on a hold out. Hearts and diamonds rule this life, but clubs and spades are in at the death. The spade is black, but it always turns up when the player can no longer draw cards and shovels him into that kitty, called the grave, from which there is no appeal, and from which no man has ever returned to tell how cards are dealt in the next world. Some reports say the game is a hot one, while others say that the bank in paradise has gold stacked up on the street.—New Denver Ledge.

Telegraph Line

Construction Commenced—The Wire Delivered Along the Route

During the past week Messrs. Kelly & Wakley, who have the contract of constructing the telegraph line from Golden to Windermere commenced the work of construction. Men have been employed in [illegible] out the poles and already the wire [illegible] delivered along the route all the way to Windermere. The contractors are expected to arrive at this end in a few days and will rush the work to completion.

There is considerable agitation just now in the various towns concerning where the terminuous should be. Naturally every town wants it, but from what we can learn the line will some day be continued to Fort Steele so that no change is likely to be made from the original. However, as telephone connection can cheaply be installed it is not a serious question. It would be better to ask the Government's permission to have it telephone entirely.

WAGON ROADS.

Gold Commissioner J. E. Griffiths made the Outcrop a very pleasant call last week. In speaking of the Toby creek road he said that he was well satisfied with the road as the shipments of the ore from the Paradise mine alone proved that the Government was warranted in the construction. He was not prepared to say what construction work would be performed this season although he was aware that Mr. Wells would endeavor to get all the money possible. He said that whatever work was undertaken would be done well, as the policy was not to half complete a dozen roads but to do thoroughly any work they may start. Farther, the work would be commenced much earlier than last year and no men will be brought in, so that the men of this district will have all the work. The work this year will likely be done by contract, but a provision will be inserted stipulating the wages to be paid, and contractors must agree to employ men in the district.

We think the plans laid down as above should prove satisfactory to all concerned and if men are awarded contracts, who own property in the vicinity of any road that may be built, they will be sure to see that good work is done.

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The Crows Nest Coal Co.

One hundred tons of coal has arrived in Nelson from Lethbridge. It is consigned to the Electric Light Company at Greenwood, says the Tribune. Lethbridge is some 60 or 70 miles east of Fernie and the freight rate is some 60 cents per ton higher than from Fernie. Another order from Paul Johnston, of the Greenwood smelter, is also being filled at Lethbridge. Here is a condition of affairs for the people of British Columbia to consider. The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company is shipping coal and coke to points in Montana over a route which requires two transfers but is unable to supply the demands made upon it by the British Columbia smelting and industrial interests. In the face of these facts, the people are asked to approve of a deal whereby in return for a charter for a railway from the Fernie mines to the international boundary, James J. Hill will purchase the controlling interest in the Crow's Nest Coal Company. Behind him in this scheme is the American Smelting and Refining Co., or as it is commonly known, the lead trust which in turn is dominated by the Standard Oil trust. What will happen if this deal is carried out? At the best the mining and smelting industry of British Columbia will be at the mercy of the greatest trust of modern times. If it suits the trust to divert the Crow's Nest Pass coal to American smelting points, it will be so diverted. If by diverting the fuel supply of British Columbia the trust can purchase the ores of the province at its own price, don't you think the diversion will be made? Where is British Columbia going to get off. Which interests are the greater, those of the shareholders of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co., or those of the men who have invested their money in the mines and smelting of British Columbia? This is the question which the people of British Columbia must solve, it matters little what the proposed interests of Mr. Hill and his associates are. The people must consider what the granting of the Hill railway to the boundary means. If they grant the Hill charter they put their Province at the mercy of the trust. However, if they wish to live without the permission of Mr. Hill and his associates they can do so by keeping them south of the international boundary.

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C. A. Warren while here last week visited all the towns looking after his business interests.

After Farms.

J. E. Friffiths, Gold Commissioner, informs the Outcrop that he has of late been beseiged with applications for Government agricultural lands in this fertile valley. This information when considered in conjunction with Mr. R. R. Bruce's, agent for the C. P. R. lands, statement that he is receiving more applications than he can handle without working overtime, is without doubt the best possible evidence of the great future ahead of this district. When the land in this valley is all cultivated we will have a wonderful district, for with the mines as a steady market good prices for all products is assured. The demand for the products of the farm is constantly increasing all over this province. At the present rate of progress of mining the imports of agricultural products into what is probably the best market in the world will soon be enormous unless measures be taken to stimulate this most important industry, and to enable us to take the fullest advantage of the riches which nature has endowed us.

We are pleased to know that the land in this valley is rapidly being taken up, there still remains plenty for all. The practical farmer is what we need, we have some, yet we need more.

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The Blackguard

A Trail Blazer Story of Life in This Valley.

CHAPTER XVI

The Blackguard was a terror to evil-minded horses, heavy enough when he chose to almost break their back, strong to inflict most merciless punishment, alert to outwit all manner of devilry, because he had the gift of seeing things from the horse point of view. When they submitted, he could be gentle enough, but that they had to find out by surrendering first to his mastery. He had a wonderful way of disarming the fears and winning the confidence of frightened colts, so that, while the dangerous animals feared him, the gentler beasts found him the best of friends. There is no doubt that from the start he was the best "buck hero" ever known in Kootenay. Too heavy for a cowboy, he was an excellent teamster, a fairly good hand with an axe, so that General Buster's only misgiving was the fear of losing him.

But he was not happy—a big tree hauled out by the roots cannot be expected to have a very joyful time just at first. Besides that, a thirty years' habit of being bad is stronger than a four months' habit of being good. It seemed now that to be virtuous was to lose all the fun. He would drift a little, and haul up with a jerk; he would rebuke with hard fists some companion of the cowboys; then, thinking that he had done something wrong, look up to the Selkirk foothills as though he hoped for further guidance from the Throne. From the skin outwards this Blackguard was an epitome of hardened wickedness, inwardly like a big child. After being thirty years or so without a soul, he was bewildered with the new possession which had delicate little sympathies to be exercised, a kindliness toward men and beasts past all restraint, a weakness for Miss Violet Burrows far stronger than himself. So far as he could see, with limited powers of introspection, his internal anatomy consisted of love and whims. In his bewilderment he wrote to the Padre describing these symptoms, a letter which was received by the Curate with howls of laughter.

If the Blackguard's troubles were confined in the valley, Miss Violet's were [illegible] upon the mountain. Mr. Burrows had begun to fancy himself as a disciplinarian, confined Miss Violet to the house, and explained his views at great length every evening.

"I will have no more of this nonsense. Your business, Mr. Ramsay, is mining machinery, not the perpetration of matrimony. Matrimony, sir, is a nuisance—early matrimony an utter absurdity. I have always disapproved of"—

"I may mention," said the Tenderfoot, bristling, "that with your consent I am engaged to Miss Violet."

"Booh!" said Miss Violet softly all to herself, looking out upon these lords of creation from behind the sitting-room door. So far as Mr. Burrows knew, the wicked girl was locked up for the night in her own chamber, but then Mr. Burrows knew very little about anything human, nor did he perceive the elementary facts about a woman. It never occurred to Miss Violet that she was other than very sleepy until he turned

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FRED COLLINS IS HEALTHY

Bullock-Webster Investigating the Charge Made

Chief of Police Bullock-Webster, who has the whole of Kootenay as his district with headquarters at Nelson, was here last week investigating the case of Fred. Collins, who is now in the Nelson gaol charged with the murder of Arthur Dando, which occurred in Peterboro last fall. While here the Chief interviewed some of the witnesses examined at the preliminary trial and spent his time in gaining all the information possible concerning the case. Mr. Webster is a very affable gentleman to meet and his long years of service in British Columbia have been so full of thrilling experiences that if he ever has the time to commit them to writing they will fill a most interesting volume. In conversation with the Outcrop he said Fred. Collins was in the best of health and seemed to realize his position, and that since going to Nelson he had been under the goal surgeon's observation, who has had no reason to believe Collins insane. He said he did not know whether the case would be tried at Nelson or Golden, although it would not cost so much to have it at Nelson as the cost of a jury ranges from $350 to $400, so that it would be cheaper to take the witnesses to Nelson where there would be a jury. But if it was thought best to hold court at Golden the matter of expense would not interfer. We can easily get witnesses Burton and Simpson should they be required, as Burton is in Tacoma and Simpson at Tobacco Plains. He said the murder might easily have been stopped had any of the men tried to stop Collins from going up stairs to Dando's room, at least so he thought. But the great pity was that Geo. Starke was not in the hotel at the time, had he been he would have stopped Collins at once.

In a general conversation Mr Webster said: You have a beautiful and rich country here. I greatly admire the scenery and hope to enjoy a trip up the river in the summer months. You have a much better country to live in than West Kootenay by reason of the wide valley and so much level land. I think your agricultural resources should prove very valuable.

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PRES. T. G SHAUGHNESSY

There is much discussion recently in the daily papers as to the possibilities of Jim Hill and his associates acquiring sufficient stock to control the Canadian Pacific Railway and also as to the Dominion Government purchasing the controlling interest. T. G. Shaughnessy, president of the road, is reported in an interview on the subject as follows:

"Oh, it is quite possible. There is nothing whatever to prevent American capitalists, if they have got the money, from buying the stock of the Canadian Pacific. Having acquired the stock, there is nothing to prevent these gentlemen from controlling the policy of the company.

"I think it would be infinitely better if the Government intends to take up seriously the business of railroading, that the public money of this country should be invested in the acquisition of such railways as the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk, than that it should be wasted in the subsidizing and construction of useless lines."

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Joe Martin is no longer leader of the opposition in the Provincial House. He "jumped the nub." Joe will probably be an independent party "all by his lonesome."

President Kruger has written a letter to the Antwerp Transvaal and Orange Free State Ambulance Committee thanking it enthusiastically for assistance rendered in what for the first time Mr. Kruger calls the "hopeless struggle of the Boers for their independence and their rights."

Prominent Chinese held to be chiefly responsible for the Boxer outrages have been allowed the privilege of travelling into oblivion by the route which seems to them the least painful and repulsive. It would be just like some of them to chose the boon of dying of old age.—Ex.

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THE OUTCROP is sending accounts to all who are indebted to us and would respectfully request immediate returns as we are in need of collateral. We hope soon to be in a position to employ more assistance and improve this paper in more ways than one. Subscribers will make note that all unpaid subs will be stopped on April 1st. The amounts are small but we need them.

In the past too much liberty has been taken by certain individuals in this district when brought in court, and we are pleased to note that in a recent case when a vag. used abusive and insulting language Magistrate Scovil brought him to time. A month or two spent at Officer Cameron's wood-pile would suffice to make these fellows meek and gentle as kittens.

Sir Sandford Fleming, in discussing the question of state-owned cables, says they can be made to pay by adopting the principle of preference messages, similar to special delivery letters. In this way lines could be kept busy steadily throughout the 24 hours. Thus state-ownership, or what some people are pleased to designate "socialism", continues to demand attention.

The important subject of the nationalization of railways was brought up in the Dominion House by W. F. McLean, who pointed to the growing aggression of railway corporations, and urged the Government to take steps to acquire the ownership of the Canadian Pacific Railway. John Charlton thought Mr. McLean quite justified in calling the attention of the House to the matter of nationalization of railroads, which was now becoming a serious one. Premier Laurier strongly deprecated the practice of precipitating important discussion without proper notice being given. The time is near at hand when the government must own the railways. The people of the Dominion are beginning to recognize that state ownership of all public utilities is not only necessary but will prove a great beneficiary to the treasury department.

We note that in the estimates brought down in the House of Commons, Ottawa, by Hon. W. S. Fielding, two very important items for the benefit of this district appear, viz., $5,000 for Columbia River improvements and $1,000 for the telegraph line from Golden to Windermere. The telegraph line is a necessity which we should have had long ago. Last session $3,000 was voted for the line and it was announced that coast contractors had been awarded its construction, but up to the present no efforts have been made to that end further than the arrival of the wire at Golden some months ago. We hope now, however, that the work of construction will commence immediately as it is so much needed in business transactions. The improvement of Columbia river is also of vital importance to the whole district as practically all the freight brought into the upper country comes up the river. The deepening of the river is necessary to permit navigation and this year there will be more passengers and freight brought up than in any previous year. For the first time there will be ore shipped down the river in large quantities.

After considering all the information we can gather it appears that the Provincial Government have as a policy in building roads that they must be sure that there is sufficient ore in sight to guarantee the interest on the money spent in construction. That is, they want to be sure that enough ore will come over a road each year that at the rate of a two-per cent tax on the mineral, five per cent interest will be assured on the amount which the road is to cost.

Such a policy may be a good one from an investing point of view, and carried out will insure the Government of a sure thing every time. Most any capitalist would consider this a good investment. But the business of the Legislature is to open up a new country. They are to consider, for instance, that Boulder creek has many good showings of mineral and no matter how good they are capitalists will rarely purchase any of the claims until they can see a way to get the ore out. The owners are too poor to attempt to work them and take out the ore, but year after year they must pay their fees for recording and spend their time in assessment work. Then, we ask should not the Legislature have a broader policy? We cannot complain about the work done last season, but if this is their policy, and we believe it is and will be, should it not be broadened? It is not always a man with enterprise and capital like Mr. Hammond can be found to take hold of a mere prospect and prove it a mine. Here is a man who took hold of the Paradise last June and now has 1,000 tons of ore in transit, this shipment alone will pay the interest on the cost of the Toby creek road constructed last year.

If the Legislature will allow mining companies five per cent interest on the amount of the cost of a road, to be paid them as the tax is collected from the ore taken over it, we believe they will be astonished to find how many roads will immediately be constructed throughout this province.

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THE OUTCROP,
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North East Kootenay, B. C

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A FOREIGNERS VIEW

The New York newsboy returns from Quebec and spreads some information about the Canadian contingent.

So youre boys talk 'bout de Transvaal war, and de guy wid de hair on his chin,
Dat has bucked up hard 'gainst de English dere, and put Russia and France on de grin;
And you tink dat de Boers has an easy job, and will soak de Old Land in the neck;
But you're foolish, you fellers, Old England's no slob—say! ye should ha' been up in Quebec.

I'll start at the foist: Ye see it's like dis, old Chamberlain gits on idee—
(He's main squeeze of de works in de scrappin' biz)—dat England will be up a tree,
So he telegrapts over to Minto one day—dat's de Earl was down here at the races—
If you'll send me a t'ousand Canadians—say, we'd change some Sout' African faces.

Now dere's a good t'ing says Minto: I guess old Chamberlain ain't very [illegible]
So he calles me [illegible] dat English [illegible] "yes"—[illegible] get busy;
He puts up three-sheet posters on all of de boards from New Brunswick 'way out to de West,
An' in two days de scrappers was sharpin' deir swords, and de railways was doin' de rest.

Dey all met at Quebec and went onto de boat, dere was more dan a t'ousand dey said;
De huskiest bunch dat was ever afloat, bully gee! de was beauts—on de dead.
I stood on de dock, and I'll tell you right now dat if Kruger had saw what I did,
He'd be shiftin' his scene like a Baxter street Jew wid a health off'cer after his kid.

Dey all sang "Rule Britannia" an' "God Save de Queen," as de troopship was sailin' away;
'Twas the hunkiest sight dat I ever seen, an' I've seen a few t'ings in my day;
It ain't no use talkin', maybe Kruger's all right, but if I was His Whiskers out dere,
I'd close up my face and get out of dat fight; dem Canucks has gone after his hair.

—Tom Wiseacre.

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The Blackguard

the key for her safe keeping. Then she became wide-awake, tried the door, poked about in the lock with a bent hair-pin, and to her utter astonishment found that she could release the bolt. So, dressed like an angel in fluttering white, with bare pink feet and mane of streaming hair, she crept across the sitting room, wondered what the men were plotting on the verandah, and took her station in the shadow behind the door. She stood on one leg timorously, thus leaving only five toes to be preyed upon by imaginary mice, the other foot being curled up because it was cold. Then, when the Tenderfoot announced himself to her Uncle as still engaged to be married, Miss Violet whispered, "[illegible]!"

"Moreover," continued Mr. Ramsay loftily, "immediate marriage was included in the terms of our agreement as to the mine."

"How dare you dictate to me?"

"You'll see how I dare. Look here, Burrows, your accounts, as I showed you today, are all botched up."

Mr. Burrows calmed down partially. "Bah! a trifling oversight like that is not of the slightest consequence. Besides, I would have you realize that I am no mere accountant."

"So I'm writing to the firm at home. They'll turn loose a mere actuary over there."

Mr. Burrows gasped. "To the best of my knowledge and belief—"

"You submit a false balance-sheet backed by an affidavit,—which is perjury in London, Burrows, perjury."

"Bosh! Of course, I must look over the figures before they are actually sent off."

"No, you don't," muttered Mr Ramsay, who was not half such a fool as he looked.

"What do you say?"

"Oh, nothing. Have you another cigar with you?"

"Here, let me light it for you."

"Yes," continued Mr. Burrows, "there is, as you say, much room for discussion on both sides. I cannot disguise from you my own anxiety as to the fate of my niece should this disreputable character succeed, as you anticipate, in"—

"A runaway match?" Mr. Ramsay pressed home his advantage. "Of course, you sneered and sneered, although I've warned you again and again that his plans are well-nigh completed. This must be prevented, Mr. Burrows."

"What do you suggest?"

"Well, this experimental mill of yours has got to be wrecked and abandoned anyway. On that the firm insists, and your excuses for delay are getting too thin, Burrows,—altogether to thin."

Mr. Burrows groaned.

"This business of yours, Burrows, must be reported as an utter failure, or we shall find the new ground held at fancy prices. We could have the mill burned tonight by accident, the wedding tomorrow at the mission; then, you see, Miss Violet would be safe from the Blackguard."

Miss Violet had heard enough, in all conscience, yet for a moment she could not move. Her curled up foot went boldly down among the imaginary mice upon the floor, for this was more exciting even than live rats. She shivered a little, partly in compliment to the autumn chill, but more with cold fright. Then her growing resentment made the warm blood race through her veins. She flushed with indignation, and in another minute, boiling over with rage, would have rushed out upon her enemies. But no; on second thoughts, she had a man to do her fighting, a big brave man, whose wickedness would be turned toward her adversaries, whose love toward herself.

"Blackguard," she whispered into the air,—"dear true Blackguard, you might be ever so bad, but you are not a coward like this Charlie."

Silently she crept across the room, in breathless terror unlocked the back door of the cabin and looked out. The chill struck her instantly. She glanced doubtfully at her bare feet, then, because, she could hardly feel respectable even by starlight no better dressed than one of the angels, she stole to her bedroom for clothes. There panic seized her, so, grabbing up a cloak and a pair of slippers, she fled out into the solitude of the hills. Across the open she ran from cover to cover, from rock to rock, stopping at times, holding her breath as she looked back, lest a crackling twig should betray her. One slipper was lost already in a morass, but she went on, her poor bare foot bleeding with a cut from some stone. Her long hair caught among the branches when she had gained the wood, and all the shadows of the trees were full of awful eyes, of staring spectres, of nameless beasts who would spring out upon her if she looked. Down the long hills she fled, stumbling, falling, tearing her cloak, suffering agones from thorns and stones, and greater agonies from things unseen. And so the poor child came sobbing to the Tough Nut cabin. The good prospectors would take a message for her; they need not see her, because she would hide, and when she had roused them with her cries would speak to them out of the very deep shadows.

But when she called and called there was no answer; when at last she dared come nearer, creeping up with many a start of sudden fright, she saw a padlock glimmering on the door. The cabin was empty, the prospectors were away.

"Shorty!" she cried. "Oh, Long Leslie, where are you? Help! Help!"

The silence sank down heavily upon the woods, all the spaces of the hills lay in a breathless slumber, from the black sky dead Alps looked down like ghosts, and the stars were so far away.

"How shall I bring you to me? Oh, love, my love!"

She sank down sobbing upon the ground which was all covered with gleaming pine chips left by the miners' axes, the chips which they always used to kindle fires. To kindle fires? She looked up, wiping the tears away with her long hair. They used these scented chips to kindle fires, and she would kindle such a blaze that night that the news of it should go forth all over the valley. Then the Blackguard would come to see what was the matter.

So she set off along the hillside, racked with miserable cold, with bitter pain, the tears dried stiff upon her cheeks, and dragged herself to the mill, the mill which was to be burned in any case. There should be no doubt as to the mill. She opened the lower door, the office door—there upon the table were papers. He had been working there all day—had been very tired—had forgotten this once to put them into the safe. There was a bunch of matches beside them, and on the ground outside bushels of chips to make the fire burn up, and in the corner of the office a five-gallon can of coal oil. So she piled up her fuel against the outer wall.

That night there was a blaze upon the mountains, the mill and the woods were all afire. So news went out along the valley.

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